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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AUGUST 2010

Red meat production in **Colorado** during August 2010 totaled 183.4 million pounds, 4 percent above the 176.8 million pounds produced during August 2009 and 3 percent above the 178.3 million pounds produced during July of this year. Cattle slaughter during August was up 6.5 percent from the previous year to 215,500 head but the average live weight decreased 24 pounds to 1,310 pounds per head. Hog slaughter, at 1,700 head, remained unchanged from August 2009 but the average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 250 pounds per head. Accumulated red meat production for the first eight months of this year now totals 1.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 1.37 billion pounds produced during the comparable period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009. Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 6 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down 1 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down

1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

## Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States

Area and Species	Aug 2009	July 2010	Aug 2010	January-Aug	
				2009	2010
Million Pounds					
<b>Colorado</b> .....	176.8	178.3	183.4	1367.7	1418.8
<b>United States</b> .....	4,077.0	3,956.4	4,126.5	32,507.4	31,940.0
Beef.....	2,184.2	2,230.4	2,287.4	17,305.5	17,317.4
Veal.....	10.6	10.9	11.2	89.6	88.6
Pork.....	1,868.9	1,702.3	1,815.0	15,000.8	14,426.0
Lamb & Mutton .....	13.3	12.8	12.8	111.4	108.0

## CATTLE ON FEED SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of September 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 2 percent from September 1, 2009, but no change from the previous month. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 185,000 head of fed cattle during August 2010. This represented a 12 percent increase from the July 2010 marketings, but 3 percent decrease from the August marketings one year earlier. An estimated 190,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, up 36 percent from July 2010 placements but down 7 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in August, 13 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 11 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 47 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on September 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.27 million, 7 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.22 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during August, 16 percent below 2009.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots  
August 1 to September 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed Aug. 1	860	890	9,637	9,873
Placements During Aug.	205	190	2,119	2,270
< 600 pounds	15	25	435	495
600 - 699 Pounds	20	20	395	395
700 - 799 Pounds	50	55	514	565
800 Plus Pounds	120	90	775	815
Marketings During Aug.	190	185	1,800	1,923
Other Disap. During Aug.	5	5	56	47
On Feed September 1	870	890	9,900	10,173

**MILK PRODUCTION  
AUGUST 2010**

Milk production in **Colorado** during August 2010 totaled 243 million pounds, up 3 million pounds from the 240 million pounds produced during the same period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows for August of this year was 120,000 head, down 3,000 head from August 2009. Production per cow averaged 2,025 pounds for August, 4 percent above the 1,951 produced a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from August 2009. July production, unrevised at 15.3 billion pounds, was up 3.0 percent from July 2009. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,796 pounds for August, 51 pounds above August 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.36 million head, 10,000 head less than August 2009, and 8,000 head less than July 2010.

**Milk Cows and Milk Production**

Item	Unit	2009	2010
<b>Colorado:</b>			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u> .....	1,000 head	123	120
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u> .....	Lbs.	1,950	2,025
Production <u>2/</u> .....	Mil. Lbs.	240	243
<b>23 State Total:</b>			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u> .....	1,000 head	8,372	8,362
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u> .....	Lbs.	1,745	1,796
Production <u>2/</u> .....	Mil. Lbs.	14,606	15,019

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CROP PRODUCTION  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

**COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS**

The **corn** yield forecast is now estimated at 144.0 bushels per acre, 9.0 bushels below last year's final yield, but 4 bushels above the August 1 forecast. The forecast for harvested acres remains at 1,210,000 acres, up 220,000 acres from the area harvested for grain in 2009. Corn production is forecast at 174.24 million bushels, 15 percent above last year's production. The **sorghum** yield is now forecast at 34.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels below the August 1 forecast and 11.0 bushels below last year's crop. Growers are expected to harvest 140,000 acres, placing production at 4.76 million bushels, down 29 percent from the 6.75 million bushels produced last year. The expected area for grain harvest is 10,000 acres less than last year. The **summer potato** yield forecast, at 390 hundredweight per acre, is down 20 hundredweight from last year's average yield and down 20 hundredweight from July's forecast. Growers are expected to harvest 4,000 acres, up 100 acres from last year's harvested area. Production is forecast at 1.56 million hundredweight, down 39,000 hundredweight from the production attained last year. The **sugarbeet** yield is forecast at 28.0 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but 0.5 tons above last year's yield. Production is now forecast at 778,000 tons from 27,800 harvested acres, down from last year's 963,000 tons from 35,000 acres.

**UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS**

**Corn** production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, Tennessee Valley, and Delta. Yields were up from August in the lower portions of the Southeast. As of August 29, seventy percent of the corn acreage was rated in good to excellent condition in the 18 major producing States, down 1 percentage point from last month but up 1 percentage point from a year ago.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 376 million bushels, down 2 percent from both last month and last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.18 million acres, unchanged from August but down 6 percent from 2009. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 72.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 3.3 bushels from last year. As of August 29, the sorghum crop had progressed to 26 percent mature, slightly behind last year and the 5-year average. Harvest progress had reached 17 percent as of August 29, compared with 24 percent at the same time last year and 23 percent for the 5-year average. The Nation's sorghum crop was rated 62 percent good to excellent, compared with 49 percent at the same time last year.

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**Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2009-2010**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
<b>Colorado:</b>									
All Corn <u>1/</u> .....	1,100	1,350	990	1,210	Bu.	153.0	144.0	151,470	174,240
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> .....	180	210	150	140	Bu.	45.0	34.0	6,750	4,760
All Wheat.....	2,630	2,478	2,479	2,327	Bu.	40.6	5/	100,610	5/
Winter Wheat.....	2,600	2,450	2,450	2,300	Bu.	40.0	45.0	98,000	103,500
Spring Wheat .....	30	28	29	5/	Bu.	90	5/	2,610	5/
Oats.....	60	47	9	5/	Bu.	65.0	5/	585	5/
Barley .....	78	70	77	67	Bu.	135.0	136.0	10,395	9,112
Proso Millet .....	170	190	150	4/	Bu.	35.0	4/	5,250	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,600	1,620	Tons	2.99	4/	4,778	4/
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	850	840	Tons	3.9	3.5	3,315	2,940
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	780	Tons	1.95	1.8	1,463	1,404
Sugarbeets.....	35.1	29.0	35.0	27.8	Tons	27.5	28.0	963	778
Dry edible beans .....	57	65	53	61	Cwt.	16.0	19.0	848	1,159
Sunflowers, All.....	91	115	87	106	Lbs.	1,403	6/	122,060	6/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	70	80	68	75	Lbs.	1,320	6/	89,760	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil....	21	35	19	31	Lbs.	1,700	6/	32,300	6/
All potatoes.....	60.0	7/	59.1	7/	Cwt.	401.0	7/	23,679	7/
Summer potatoes .....	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	Cwt.	410.0	390.0	1,599	1,560
Fall potatoes.....	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2	Cwt.	400.0	7/	22,080	7/
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	16,000	16,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	13	14
<b>United States:</b>									
All Corn <u>1/</u> .....	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005	Bu.	164.7	162.5	13,110,062	13,159,700
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> .....	6,633	6,000	5,520	5,176	Bu.	69.4	72.7	382,983	376,469
All Wheat <u>2/</u> .....	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263	Bu.	44.4	46.9	2,216,171	2,264,928
Winter Wheat.....	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085	Bu.	44.2	47.5	1,522,718	1,522,902
Spring Wheat .....	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590	Bu.	45.1	46.6	584,411	633,245
Oats.....	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315	Bu.	67.5	66.3	93,081	87,239
Barley .....	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546	Bu.	73.0	72.3	227,323	184,032
Rye.....	1,241	1,186	252	250	Bu.	27.8	5/	6,993	5/
Proso Millet .....	350	385	293	4/	Bu.	33.7	4/	9,865	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	59,755	59,656	Tons	2.47	2.58	147,442	153,894
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	21,227	20,732	Tons	3.35	3.49	71,030	72,455
Other Hay .....	...	...	38,528	38,924	Tons	1.98	2.09	76,412	81,439
Sugarbeets.....	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,143.5	Tons	25.7	28.9	29,563	33,060
Dry edible beans .....	1,537.5	1,778	1,463	1,707.8	Cwt.	17.3	18.0	25,360	30,700
Sunflowers, All.....	2,030	2,093	1,953.5	2,011.3	Lbs.	1,554	6/	3,036,460	6/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	1,698	1,652	1,653	1,596.5	Lbs.	1,563	6/	2,584,010	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil.....	332	441	300.5	414.8	Lbs.	1,506	6/	452,450	6/
All potatoes <u>3/</u> .....	1,068.1	1,026.3	1,041.3	1,009.0	Cwt.	414	7/	431,318	7/
Summer potatoes .....	43.2	38.3	41.7	37.1	Cwt.	343	317	14,321	11,779
Fall potatoes.....	936.7	896.1	917.2	882.3	Cwt.	429	7/	393,544	7/
Soybeans.....	77,451	78,868	76,372	77,986	Bu.	44.0	44.7	3,359,011	3,482,899
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,914,900	9,476,100
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,104	1,126

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops.

4/ January 2011. 5/ September 30, 2010. 6/ October 8, 2010. 7/ November 9, 2010.

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Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 11.8 million cwt, down 10 percent from the July forecast and 18 percent below 2009. Harvested area is estimated at 37,100 acres, down 4 percent from the July forecast and 11 percent below last year. Average yield is forecast at 317 cwt per acre, down 22 cwt from July and 26 cwt below 2009. Forecasted yields are below last month in seven of the nine estimating States due to excessive heat.

Production of sugarbeets for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down 2,500 acres from the August 1 forecast and down 5,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 28.9 tons per acre, an increase of 0.6 ton from the previous forecast and 3.2 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

### **COLD STORAGE AUGUST 31, 2010**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs, chicken and cheese. Butter stocks were down 22 percent from last month and down 42 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 19 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 27 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 68 percent from last month and down 86 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on August 31, 2010 were up 2 percent from the previous month but down 8 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 8 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 1 percent from last month and down 24 percent from August 31, 2009.

### **Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	Aug 31, 2009	July 31, 2010	Aug 31, 2010
	<b>1,000 Pounds</b>		
Butter .....	259,578	193,506	151,839
Cheese, total natural.....	997,620	1,053,311	1,034,097
Eggs, frozen .....	22,558	24,684	24,691
Poultry, total frozen .....	1,305,723	1,176,650	1,197,165
Chicken .....	646,484	670,084	695,409
Turkey.....	653,546	501,511	496,604
Fruits, frozen.....	1,257,806	1,124,294	1,101,947
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,630,675	1,531,587	1,447,845
Vegetables, total frozen.....	2,186,385	1,859,761	2,254,054
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,094,838	1,063,947	1,044,075
Meats, total red .....	980,199	808,586	797,723
Beef, total frozen.....	420,096	388,804	385,226
Pork, total frozen.....	530,148	391,193	384,853

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

### **UPCOMING REPORTS**

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at:

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